Imports against Export without Payment of Duty

@ 693. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has got an on going Scheme allowing imports against exports without payment of duty ;

(b) if so, the details of conditions imposed on such importers ;

(c) whether it is obligatory on importers to commence export within stipulated period, if so, details thereof ;

(d) whether duty recovered from the defaulters is prevailing on date of payment or date of import ;

(e) whether any penalty or fine or interest is recovered from the importers ; and

(f) what are the names of such defaulters during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) The Export and Import Policy 1992—97 provide for grant of advance licence for duty free import of raw material, component parts etc. (popularly called inputs) for the manufacture of export of various products. These licences also impose export obligation which are to be achieved within the specified period. The terms and conditions attached to these licences, period allowed for fulfilling export obligations are given in the relevant paragraph of the Chapter VII of said Policy as well as in the Chapter VII of the Hand Book of Procedures (Vol. I) 1992—97 (amended upto 31st March, 1993). Copies of both of Export Import Policy 1992—97 and Hand Book of Procedures are available in the Library of the Parliament.

(d) to (f) In cases of defaults, exporters are required to pay Customs duty as applicable on the date of imports made by them alongwith interest thereon.

The monitoring of export obligations imposed is a continuous process and is done by the Port Offices which issue such Advance Licences. Since the Policy and Procedure also provide for regularisation of, defaults, the list of defaulters keeps changing. However, on a preliminary assessment made recently, it was noticed that the extent of default is less than 2 per cent.

Trade in Commodities

694. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total exports and imports *during 1991-92 and 1992-93* in commodities commodity-wise and year-wise ;

(b) what is the total amount of revenue earned thereby ;

(c) what steps have been taken to acceleram the exports during the current Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Information called for is voluminous. Data on exports and imports commodity-wise are published in volumes I & II of the Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India (Annual Number) by DGCI & S, Calcutta. The Publications are presently available only upto 1991-92. The Annual Numbers for 1992-93 have not become due. There Pub-

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